

to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1974, in respect of Demand No. 36 'Privy Purses and Allowances.' "

2. Calling Attention To Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(i) *Re* : explosion of hand grenade at Khaddarwadi near Belgaum.

(ii) Sri P.A. Pawashe (uchagaon).—I call the attention of the Chief minister to the injuries caused to a boy and a girl as a result of explosion of hand grenade at Khaddarwadi near Belgaum.

Sri D. Devaraj Urs (Chief Minister).—I make the following statement.

On 16-3-1973 when Sri Somanna Masanu Misale aged 14 years and Miss Renuka Ganapat Nesarkar aged 13 years of Khaddarwadi village who had been to the site of construction of water tank went to the jungle, to collect fuel, they found a lead ball in the jungle, picked it up, went towards Bakkappa Brook and started playing with the ball. The ball suddenly exploded and caused injuries to the legs and hands of both of them. The workers at the spot of construction of the tank, on hearing the explosion rushed to the spot and on seeing the injured, got them treated at the civil Hospital, Belagum. The injured boy and the mother of the injured girl were employed at the construction of tank on daily wages. The area where explosion took place belongs to the Army. About two months back the Army Authorities had published with the beat of tom-tom in the neighbouring villages a warning to the public that three Hand grenades were missing in the area, and if they are traced to intimate the Army Authorities. There is no foul play in the explosion incident. The injured are progressing. The Superintendent of Police has been instructed to get the area combed out for the two other missing Hand grenades.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE—From the statement made, it seems the place where the explosion has taken place is near about Khaddarwadi. But in the statement made by the Hon. Revenue Minister to a call attention Notice No. 21 tabled previously, he has stated that the area is not notified nor they have obtained prior permission for firing. So, may I know whether there is any other area belonging to the military; if so, the area and the extent? Because it has been stated in the statement that the area where the explosion took place belongs to the Army.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I shall furnish that information later on as I do not have it now.

(ii) *Re : Harassment caused to the orange growers of Sakleshpur Taluk.*

Sri K.M. RUDRAPPA (Sakleshpur).—I call the attention of the Minister for Co-operation to the harassment caused to the orange growers of Sakleshpur Taluk by the primary Land Development Bank, Sakleshpur.

Sri A. SHANKARA ALVA (Minister for Co-operation).—I state as follows:

(1) The main points raised in the Calling Attention Notice are :—

(i) that the Orange growers of Sakleshpur taluk who have obtained loans under the special schemes financed by the A.R.C., Bombay are being harassed with a threat of auctioning their moveables for having become defaulters to the Primary Land Development Bank, Sakleshpur and

(ii) that action is being pursued inspite of the fact that the orchards are not yielding fruits and further that the Department of Horticulture has recommended postponement of the collection of arrears of interest.

(2) The Sakleshpur Primary Land Development Bank has been advancing loans to the Orange growers under special schemes financed by the A.R.C., Bombay under certain terms and conditions stipulated by the latter according to which the